

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & AWARENESS PROGRAMME PLANNER

PROGRAMME TYPE (circle/cross): Teacher's workshop

DETAILS

Name of school/ group	N/A GRADE	N/A GRADE 5 TEACHERS – WORKSHOP ON BIODIVERSITY AND SOIL CONSERVATION				
No learners/ participants expected	Max 10	No learners/participants actual	N/A	Programme length/duration	2 hours	
Location (reserve/site)	On reserve			Grade/age group	Adults	
Is this part of the work plan?	N/A			If no, motivate why the programme is needed	Species conservation is a main awareness theme for CapeNature. The programme links to work done in the classroom and supports the curriculum. It is important to give teachers the tools to be able to deliver conservation messaging in the classroom.	

CONTENT

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	Theme (circle/cross)	Species Conservation
	Topics covered (e.g. water cycle/	Rocks and soil (with links to biodiversity)
'	importance of water)	
ð	Curriculum link (for curriculum	Subject: Natural Science and Technology Grade 5
ž	aligned programmes only) – note	Strand2: Planet Earth and beyond and Systems and Control (the surface of the Earth)
	subject/strand/topics (if not listed in	- Rocks
	topics above)	- Soil types
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	Prior knowledge required (if	Not compulsory, but knowledge of the words biodiversity, habitats, particles, topsoil, dependence, food chains would be an advantage
	applicable)	
å	Skills practiced (cross/circle)	connect explain identify label list name (know)/ analyse assess categorise classify compare compile compose conduct construct
		create collect link define describe design develop draw find investigate listen make plan present read recognise record report
	_	represent dance sing sort summarise trace use senses write count (do)/ argue commit discuss motivate promise relate choose decide
		explain an answer persuade propose tell share
lue	Key message (e.g. we must save	We need to take care of our soil.
Va	water)	

GENERAL LOGISTICS

	Responsible person	Done (tick)	Status
Invite *			
Venue			
Transport			
Booking confirmed			
WCED permission *			
Presentation equipment & camera			
Risk assessment done, confirmation			
and checklist sent			
Catering *			

Other:		
Plan requested by:		(name)
	(date)	
Plan approved by:		(name)
	(date)	

Indemnity *		
Budget and cost centre		

*If applicable

LESSON PLAN

Time	Location	Activity & explanation	Resources & person responsible for bringing/preparing the resource	Facilitating staff (if more than 1, indicate lead facilitator & timekeeper)
INTRODUCTI	ON & ICEBREAKER			
2 min	Classroom	Introduce staff and briefly explain who CapeNature is	Presentation, laptop, projector	
2 min	Classroom	Go through the outcomes and any housekeeping/rules	Presentation, laptop, projector	
1 min	Classroom	Give a brief programme outline	Presentation, laptop, projector	
10 mins	Classroom	Icebreaker and introductions:	Presentation (included), laptop,	
		Ask everyone to line up in alphabetical order using their names. Indicate	projector (not included)	
		where A starts and let them know that they may not say anything to each		
		other. You will find that people find creative ways of showing one another		
		the number of the alphabet or other ways to signal. Once the group has		
		arranged themselves, ask each to test if they are right by introducing		
		themselves (name, school and grade/subject teacher)		
BODY/ ACTIV	TITIES (very large gro	ups, split and rotate)		
45 min		Rocks & soil comes from rocks	Different types of rocks (not	
		Showcase the activities for teachers	provided). Bread roll (not provided).	
		Introduction	Paper for learners to draw on.	
		I each that Earth is made of rocks. As a tuning in activity a bread roll can be	Presentation (included) laptop,	
		Used to show learners that there is a hard outside and a soft inside.	projector (not included)	
		Teach that soil comes from rocks after being broken down over thousands		
		of years Learners can make particles from rock by rubbing these together		
		They can then use the table to fill in what type of soil they have.		
		Teach that rocks break down in nature through a process called		
		weathering. This means that heat and cold crack the rocks, wind and dust		
		make holes in rocks and sea can break down rocks.		
		Link to conservation		
		Ask why we need good soil – to grow crops, as a home for many plants and		
		Consolidation		
		Ask learners to draw a rock 1000 years ago, then what it may look like over		
		a period of time. Learners must write a sentence for each picture to explain		
		what is happening.		
		Discussion		
		Discuss with the teachers briefly how these activities can be used and if		
		they can be improved or adjusted		
45 min		Soil types		
		Introduction		

		Teach that soil is a mixture of different types of rock particles. The type of soil depends on the proportions of particles in it. <u>Main activity</u> Teach that there are different types of soil. Learners must be divided into groups of approximately 5 learners per group. Each group must take a container (see through) with loamy soil and add water to it. They must then wait for the soil to settle and draw a picture of the soil layers. They should attempt to label it, but after discussion, it can be labelled as a team with the teachers help. Teach that loamy soil has sand, silt and clay particles and humus. It is the best soil for planting with. <u>Investigation</u> Explain that learners will compare and investigate how much water each type holds. Use page 24 Natural Science PSP Grade 5 Planet Earth and beyond to do the analysis of two different types of soil. <u>Link to conservation</u> Explain that protecting our topsoil is very important as it cannot be replaced (it can but over thousands of years) <u>Consolidation</u> Ask learners to do a shared writing exercise by describing the analysis of the soil in the main activity. <u>Discussion</u> Discuss briefly with the teachers how these activities can be used and if they can be improved or adjusted.	2l coke bottle for each group, water, paper to record findings on, loamy soil (not included) Presentation (included) laptop, projector (not included) Whiteboard and coccis or chalk and chalkboard (not included) Primary Science Programme Teachers Guide: Natural Science and Technology Grade 5, Planet Earth and Beyond (copy provided below)	
CONSOLIDA	TION & EVALUATION	N		
10 min	Classroom	Ask teachers to take a moment and write down 2 key words that indicate something they learned today and will take away and implement in the classroom. Share with the group.	Presentation (included), laptop, projector (not included) Paper (not included)	
5 min	Classroom	Thank the venue, teachers and hand out the brochure for teachers and evaluation forms	Evaluation forms & CapeNature EE offerings brochure (not included)	

Acknowledgement



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ROCKS





Explain The Earth is made of rocks. We say it is a rocky planet. The surface of the Earth that we live on is called the crust. Bring a round bread roll or vetkoek to the class and break it open to show

the crust around the outside of the roll. Explain that the Earth has a similar crust made of hard rock. But the inside of the Earth has softer melted rock, like the softer inside of the bread roll.

There is rock under all the different places on Earth. There is rock underneath the sea and the land. There is rock underneath the beach sand and the desert sand. There is even rock underneath rivers and mountains:



and sunlight support life on

Earth.



Bread roll with crust

The continents and the rock underneath the sea are part of the Earth's crust.





There is rock under the sea.

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Activity: Rock breaks down into particles

TEACHER TASK

Preparation

- 1. Bring a selection of stones and rock samples to the classroom.
- Note: Avoid bricks and concrete they are not natural rocks, but man-made materials. Help learners to distinguish between man-made concrete and bricks, and natural stones and rocks.
- 2. Make sure each group has two or three rock samples to look at.
- 3. Provide pieces of clean paper and a small water bottle.
- 4. Help learners to describe their rocks.

Word list to describe rocks and grains (adjectives)

English	isiXhosa	Afrikaans
gritty	hlalutye	grinterig
rough	rhabaza	grof
flaky	wecwana	vlokkerig
smooth:	igudile	glad
grainy	nkozwana	korrelrig
sharp	bukhali	skerp
hard	qinile	hard
brown	mdaka	bruin
black	mnyama	swart
grey	ngwevu	grys
vellow	mthubi	geel

2 Soil comes from rocks



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ype of soil grains	How do the grains feel between your fingers?	Avakala njani amahlalutye xa uwava ngesandla?	Hoe voel die korrels aan jou vingers?
Sand			
	The grains feel gritty and some are like small stones.	Amahlalutye arhabaxa amanye ngathi ngamatye amancinane.	Die korrels voel grinterig en party is soos klein klippies.
Course sano	The grains feel and sound gritty and the sand particles are small – like grains of sugar.	Amahlalutye arhabaxa mambi alingana neenkozwana zeswekile.	Die korrels voel en klink grinterig en die sanddeeltjies is klein - soos suikerkorrels.
Fine sand			1
	The grains feel smooth, silky and soapy with some fine particles. They don't get sticky when wet.	Amahlalutyana ampuluswa esandleni kwaye amtyibilizi. Awabi ncangathi xa exutywe namanzi.	Die korrels voel glad, syagtig en seperig, en het sommige fyn deeltjies. Dit raak nie taai wanneer dit nat is nie.
Clay			
	The grains feel sticky when wet and can be rolled into a ball. The particles are very small. When dried the grains feel like fine powder.	Amahlalutya abancangathi xa emanzi kwaye angabumbeka abeyibhola. Xa omile avakale esandleni njengomgubo.	Die korrels voel taai wanneer dit nat is en dit kan in 'n bolletjie gerol word. Die deeltjies is baie klein. Wanneer dit droog is, voel die korrels soos fyn poeier.
Luestions . Do all your rock grains lo No, all rock grains do not . How long do you think it It will take a very, very lo	ok the same? Write to e look the same. This is b will take you to make o ng time.	xplain your answer. ecause they come from o one cup of grains?	different rocks.



Consolidation



3 Soil types

Activity: What type of particles does loamy soil have?

TEACHERTASK

Introduction

Explain

- Soil is usually a natural mixture of different types of rock particles. The type of soil depends on the proportions of the different particles in it.
- Sandy soil has a high proportion of coarse sand particles (grains).
- Clayey soil has a high proportion of fine clay particles.
- Loamy soil has a mixture of sand, silt and clay particles, and it also contains humus.
- We can find out what kind of particles make up the soil by stirring it up in some water. Then we can analyse the soil because the different particles settle out into layers.

Preparation

- 1. Provide the following equipment for learners in groups.
- 1 cup of loamy soil
- 1 big coffee bottle with lid
- water to fill up the bottle
- Learners must mix their soil with water in the coffee jar, and let it stand for the particles to settle.
- 3. Afterwards, they must draw a picture on the chalkboard showing the different layers. Explain that this allows us to see the different particles that make up our soil, because they have separated into layers. We can also see how much of each kind of particle we have by the thickness of the layer.





· The biggest particles such as coarse sand and stones are the first to settle at the bottom. Fine sand particles settle next. Smaller particles of silt are the next to settle down. The smallest particles (clay) stay suspended (hanging) in the water for some time before they settle in the next layer. The clay usually makes the water look muddy. The humus (pieces of rotting plants) floats to the top of the water. Soil is a mixture of particles, which settle into layers when they are mixed with water. The constituents of soil always settle in the same order (as shown in the drawing below). HUMUS - STICKS, LEAVES AND GRASS w/era 11. WATER

Why is loamy soil best for planting?

The best kind of soil for planting is called loamy soil.

- · Loamy soil is a mixture of sand, silt and clay.
- Loamy soil also contains humus.

TEACHER INFORMATION

Proportions of loamy soil mixture: Clay: 8-28% Silt: 28-50% Sand: 25-52%



CLAY - SMALLEST PARTICLES

SILT - SMALL PARTICLES

SAND - BIGGER PARTICLES

STONES - BIGGEST PARTICLES

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The different particles that make up the soil give the soil its properties.

The clay particles hold the water so that the soil never dries out completely. The sand particles allow excess water to drain out of the soil because they have spaces between them for the water to run through. The spaces also trap air in the soil and make it light and soft. The clay, silt and rotting humus contain mineral salts (essential chemicals), which help plants to grow well.

Good soil feels soft and light because of the air between the particles. It contains humus and has very small organisms living in it.

Protecting our good topsoil

All soils form very slowly in nature. Once topsoil is lost it cannot be replaced easily and so we need to look after the soil, keep it in place and feed it with humus to keep it fertile.

We find different soils in different places

Soil from one area can be very different to soil from another. For example, soil from Khayelitsha contains mostly sand because the town is built on a sand dune. This means that you will not find a layer of clay when you analyse that soil. The layer of silt will also be very thin.

> Soils that have a large proportion of sand are called sandy soils.

Other soils may contain mostly clay. They are called clayey soils. Other soils near river flood plains may contain a lot of silt.

Soil is considered a 'poor' soil when it does not contain a good mixture of all three particles. People struggle to grow plants if the soil is poor. That is why they add compost and fertiliser to enrich the soil.

Soil erosion donga where the good topsoil has been washed away.



It is difficult to grow food where the soil is very sandy.

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Compost can be added to enrich poor soil.

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Consolidation

Questions

1. What is loamy soil?

Loamy soil has sand, silt and clay particles in it and also humus. It is the best kind of soil for planting.

2. Why is it the best kind of soil for growing things?

Loamy soil is good soil for growing things because it has sand, clay and silt in it and also humus. This makes it fertile soil and the humus helps to keep the soil damp for plants to grow. Other organisms such as earthworms like to live in loamy soil.

3. Why must we look after our soil?

We must look after our soil because all food needs good soil to grow in. Soil can be washed away easily and it will take a very long time to form again.

NOTE TO THE TEACHER.

How to do shared writing with your learners

- Learners tell the teacher what to write about the soil analysis using full sentences.
- Teacher captures the ideas on the chalkboard in the words of the learners.
- After each sentence is written, learners read the text aloud with the teacher.
- When the paragraph or text is complete, the learners help the teacher to edit the paragraph. Make sure of the following: there is a topic sentence; sentences are in a logical order, information is correct; grammar, spelling and punctuation is correct.
- The corrected paragraph is written up on the board. Learners read it aloud once more.
- Learners copy it into their science books.

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Shared writing

Assist learners to write a few sentences about the soil analysis, for example:

Analysing loamy soil

First I mixed a cup of soil with water.

After that the soil settled.

I could see five layers of particles.

The small stones and bigger sand particles settled to the bottom layer. They are the biggest and heaviest particles.

The next layer to settle was the sand particles. Sand particles are smaller than stones.

The next layer to settle was silt particles. They are smaller than sand particles.

The next layer to settle was clay particles. Clay particles are the smallest particles. Clay makes the water look muddy.

Finally the sticks, leaves and grass float to the surface. The sticks, leaves and grass are called humus.

Activity: Comparing two different samples of topsoil

TEACHERTASK

Preparation



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Assessment

NO DESCRIPTION

Checklist with criteria and possible mark allocation

Criteria	Possible mark allocation
The learners' ideas could include finding out about:	2 marks for each
 Colour and texture of the soil. Analysing the soil to show its composition i.e. how much sand, clay, silt and humus in the soil. What kind of plants and animals are found growing and living in their soil. 	observation
Etc. Learners must:	6-10 marks
 Set up the apparatus correctly. Make accurate measurements. Record the measurements correctly. Correctly calculate the volume of water held by the soil. 	
Learners must: Plot the bars accurately. Name and label the x-axis. Name and label the y-axis. Provide a suitable heading.	8–10 marks (including a mark for neatness)
 Learners must show they understand that: Sandy soil will hold the least water. Clayey soil will hold the most water. Loamy soil will hold more than the sandy soil but less than the clayey soil. Sandy soil does not hold water well because the air spaces between the particles are large and the water drains through them. Give at least one reason why they think that it 	8–10 marks including higher order questions
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Adjust the marks to a mark out of 15 for recording the formal practical assessment task.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION





this helps to fertilise the soil.

Common molerats live in burrows ar make large molehills as they push up the soil. These rodents have large fro teeth and claws that they use for digg Molerats feed on plant bulbs.	nd Pangolins have b ging, long sticky tongue their favourite foo	oig claws, and a e to lick up termites, od.	Many creepy crawlies of found in leaf litter. Most to break down dead plo and animal matter and nutrients in the soil.	are help ants recycle	Earthworms burrow and eat soil. This improves soil quality. They are called the 'farmer's friend'.	Some micro organisms such as bacteria and fungi , and insects and their larvae , live on roots and often damage and kill them. However, nitrogen-fixing bacteria are very useful and play an important role in providing roots with nitrogen for good plant growth.
Termites live in termite mounds. The queen lays eggs and is guarded by soldiers, while the workers find food. Termites carry plant matter underground and this belos to fartilize the soil	dedas use their long aks to dig for insects d earthworms.	Aardvarks live in bur	rows and come out at a	Microscoj Some mic	pic plants and animals live in the spo robes enrich the soil and break dow	aces between the soil particles.

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night to break open termite nests for food.

